

AUCTION RESULTS

The Thos. H. Law Collection of English Gold Coins

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Thos. H. Law English Gold Coins Deliver Beyond Expectations In The Stack's Bowers Galleries Official Auction Of The ANA World's Fair Of Money

The much anticipated Thos. H. Law Collection of English Gold Coins sold Tuesday night, August 13, 2013, at the ANA World's of Money, realizing prices well beyond pre-sale expectations. The 459 lots offered, which included many extreme rarities that had been off the market for decades, were met with enthusiasm from the moment the 140-page catalog, boasting state of the art imagery and historical biographies of all English monarchs from Edward III to Elizabeth II, came off the presses. The session realized \$5,016,557 (including the buyer's premium), double the high estimates for the entire sale.

A packed room and the flurry of Internet bidders on many lots created an atmosphere that was worthy of such a collector's cabinet. Highlights from the sale could fill several paragraphs, but most noteworthy were the early hammered coins from the 14th to 16th centuries; particularly mesmerizing were the Fine Gold Sovereigns from the Tudor monarchs. Leading the sale was the front cover coin, lot 20047, the Henry VII Type I Sovereign that realized \$499,375. A historic and popular Henry VIII Fine Sovereign, lot 20058, brought \$99,875.

Condition rarities and rare types met with equal enthusiasm throughout the sale. Edward VI coins were very strong and his Fine Sovereign, lot 20080, broke the \$300,000 mark reaching \$329,000. Elizabeth and Stuart coins also displayed great popularity for all types and sizes, with a diminutive jewel-like Elizabeth Milled Half Crown, lot 20123, weighing in at only 21.7 grains, reaching \$41,125, over five times high estimate. Post-1656 Milled Coinage was strong as well: An NGC Proof-63 Cromwell Broad, lot 20190, fetched \$76,375. A James II 5 Guineas, lot 20210, graded NGC AU-58, brought \$64,625.

Steam driven, machine-made coinage also saw some fireworks. The well-regarded 1831 William IV Crown in gold, lot 20374, delivered mightily at \$305,500 in its NGC Proof-63 Ultra Cameo encapsulation. The Law Collection boasted a pair of Una and Lion 5 Pounds of Victoria. The first, lot 20375, was graded Proof-62 Ultra Cameo by NGC and realized \$105,750. The second, sold un-encapsulated as Brilliant Proof, brought \$76,375 as lot 20376.

"Overall, the interest in this Law sale was among the most enthusiastic we have seen at Stack's Bowers Galleries," said Brian Kendrella, president. "This interest is proof that well-constructed collections that include rarities and are assembled with passion, as Mr. Law's was, reap superior results when offered at auction to worldwide bidders who recognize the singular opportunity to obtain such treasures."

The Thos. H. Law Collection of English Gold Coins

The Law Collection encompasses an incredibly diverse variety of coin types, from hammered pieces emitted by Plantagenet King Edward III (1327–1377), to modern-day proof coins of House of Windsor Queen Elizabeth II (1952–present). This will be an extraordinary collector-oriented sale featuring Mr. Law's acquisitions of over four decades, used to form his groundbreaking and award-winning ANA convention exhibits; five of them winning the coveted Howland Wood Best in Show honor. Mr. Law's studious acumen is apparent with many intriguing varieties, present along with choice quality type coins from all reigns and series, from hammered coinage through milled series, to present-made machine coins. Because of this diversity and significance, Stack's Bowers and Ponterio has created a special 146-page, full-color catalog that not only exemplifies the dignity and importance of this exceptional cabinet, but also includes special historical features such as monarch biographies, portraits and historical coinage notes.

Although gold coins were minted from ancient times, the first unified English coins were not produced until 1344, during the reign of Edward III. The Thos. H. Law Collection possesses an exceptional variety from that Plantagenet hammered Noble genre until the 1660s, when milled coinage had completely taken hold. Numerous great rarities from several monarchs during this span make this collection one of the finest ever sold. The fascinating history of Lancastrians and Yorkists, exemplified in Shakespeare's historical plays, is mirrored through several elite specimens. Over one century of Tudor gold coinage is the strongest segment of the collection. Broad large Fine Sovereigns from Henry VII, including the first Sovereign issue in 1489, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I are especially noteworthy. The Law family's great interest in Shakespeare is illustrated by an exceptional selection of Elizabethan gold coinage that represents all styles with superb portraits seen on many. The Scottish Stuart succession from the Tudor Dynasty contains coins from James I and Charles I, including two Triple Unite pieces.

The short-lived Commonwealth of self-made "King" Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell has choice hammered coins and a two superb milled 1656 Gold Broad; one an exceptional NGC Proof-63 Cameo example.

The final crossover hammered to milled coinage took place during the reign of Charles II, the Stuart Restored King. Milled examples from this collection also rank among the finest sold in the United States. There are an amazing 18 Five Guineas denomination coins within the collection, many in choice condition.

A great diversity of Guineas and its fractional portions is featured from Charles II until late in George III's reign; many are among the finest we have catalogued. Important crown-size Five Pound coins in the collection are another superb highlight. An exceedingly rare 1831 William IV Crown in Gold stands out as one of the absolute stars of the collection and appears on the front cover of the catalog. Two choice and iconic 1839 "Una and Lion" Five Pound pieces from Victoria, Edward VII, George V and George VI are not only represented, but at times with choice duplicates that were used in award-winning ANA convention exhibits. Intermingled within select rarities are many affordable type coins from all monarchs to illustrate the diversity of English gold coinage.

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The Stack's Bowers and Ponterio team has written and produced a specialized catalog for this unparalleled collection that includes lot illustrations, historical information and enlightening reference data on this outstanding collection of English gold coins. The catalog is sure to be a reference for all world coin collectors for years to come.

The coins themselves are timeless artifacts from this period of English history that embodies nearly 700 years of British tradition. The illustrious battles, famous and infamous monarchs such as Richard III, Henry VIII and Elizabeth I, the aura of Shakespeare and his plays, American Revolutionary era coins of George III, and coins issued through World War I and World War II are all interwoven together to create a rich narrative created by Mr. Law and shared with many others at numerous coin convention exhibits.

Prices Realized - August 15, 2013

Lot No.	Price	Lot No.	Price	Lot No.	Price
20001	\$7,637.50	20032	\$3,525.00	20063	\$4,112.50
20002	\$4,406.25	20033	\$1,527.50	20064	\$5,287.50
20003	\$3,818.75	20034	\$8,812.50	20065	\$1,880.00
20004	\$5,581.25	20035	\$3,290.00	20066	\$3,671.88
20005	\$1,292.50	20036	\$2,350.00	20067	\$2,115.00
20006	\$4,993.75	20037	\$1,645.00	20068	\$998.75
20007	\$2,820.00	20038	\$3,055.00	20069	\$2,115.00
20008	\$1,527.50	20039	\$9,400.00	20070	\$8,812.50
20009	\$499.38	20040	\$11,750.00	20071	\$25,850.00
20010	\$3,671.88	20041	\$3,525.00	20072	\$11,162.50
20011	\$1,997.50	20042	\$4,993.75	20073	\$49,937.50
20012	\$9,987.50	20043	\$5,287.50	20074	\$12,925.00
20013	\$8,225.00	20044	\$28,200.00	20075	\$2,820.00
20014	\$1,645.00	20045	\$28,200.00	20076	\$4,700.00
20015	\$1,880.00	20046	\$17,625.00	20077	\$5,875.00
20016	\$4,112.50	20047	\$499,375.00	20078	\$8,518.75
20017	\$28,200.00	20048	\$58,750.00	20079	\$7,637.50
20018	\$18,800.00	20049	\$223,250.00	20080	\$329,000.00
20019	\$3,818.75	20050	\$49,937.50	20081	\$52,875.00
20020	\$5,875.00	20051	\$1,762.50	20082	\$17,625.00
20021	\$2,820.00	20052	\$11,162.50	20083	\$19,975.00
20022	\$4,112.50	20053	\$2,115.00	20084	\$5,875.00
20023	\$2,232.50	20054	\$3,290.00	20085	\$7,050.00
20024	\$3,818.75	20055	\$2,585.00	20086	\$9,987.50
20025	\$1,116.25	20056	\$3,671.88	20087	\$4,553.13
20026	\$8,812.50	20057	\$1,527.50	20088	\$44,062.50
20027	\$6,462.50	20058	\$99,875.00	20089	\$55,812.50
20028	\$3,818.75	20059	\$1,762.50	20090	\$105,750.00
20029	\$1,116.25	20060	\$3,965.63	20091	\$9,400.00
20030	\$4,993.75	20061	\$4,406.25	20092	\$5,581.25
20031	\$1,527.50	20062	\$22,325.00	20093	\$21,150.00

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Lot No.	Price	Lot No.	Price	Lot No.	Price
20094.....	\$49,937.50	20139.....	\$2,350.00	20184.....	\$11,162.50
20095.....	\$5,875.00	20140.....	\$851.88	20185.....	\$14,100.00
20096.....	\$3,525.00	20141.....	\$1,175.00	20186.....	\$8,225.00
20097.....	\$1,997.50	20142.....	\$822.50	20187.....	\$11,750.00
20098.....	\$4,406.25	20143.....	\$1,762.50	20188.....	\$5,581.25
20099.....	\$3,172.50	20144.....	\$940.00	20189.....	\$4,406.25
20100.....	\$5,581.25	20145.....	\$44,062.50	20190.....	\$76,375.00
20101.....	\$4,406.25	20146.....	\$35,250.00	20191.....	\$28,200.00
20102.....	\$23,500.00	20147.....	\$76,375.00	20192.....	\$3,525.00
20103.....	\$28,200.00	20148.....	\$4,993.75	20193.....	\$12,925.00
20104.....	\$6,462.50	20149.....	\$1,057.50	20194.....	\$7,050.00
20105.....	\$5,434.38	20150.....	\$3,055.00	20195.....	\$15,275.00
20106.....	\$105,750.00	20151.....	\$1,938.75	20196.....	\$10,575.00
20107.....	\$32,900.00	20152.....	\$1,645.00	20197.....	\$10,575.00
20108.....	\$9,987.50	20153.....	\$3,525.00	20198.....	\$16,450.00
20109.....	\$2,115.00	20154.....	\$2,585.00	20199.....	\$6,168.75
20110.....	\$4,406.25	20155.....	\$2,820.00	20200.....	\$3,818.75
20111.....	\$1,880.00	20156.....	\$705.00	20201.....	\$3,055.00
20112.....	\$12,925.00	20157.....	\$2,115.00	20202.....	\$11,162.50
20113.....	\$18,800.00	20158.....	\$910.63	20203.....	\$28,200.00
20114.....	\$19,975.00	20159.....	\$3,671.88	20204.....	\$3,055.00
20115.....	\$7,050.00	20160.....	\$2,585.00	20205.....	\$1,880.00
20116.....	\$11,750.00	20161.....	\$1,880.00	20206.....	\$1,762.50
20117.....	\$9,400.00	20162.....	\$1,233.75	20207.....	\$2,232.50
20118.....	\$4,700.00	20163.....	\$1,997.50	20208.....	\$1,116.25
20119.....	\$7,050.00	20164.....	\$3,290.00	20209.....	\$12,337.50
20120.....	\$15,275.00	20165.....	\$3,055.00	20210.....	\$64,625.00
20121.....	\$6,462.50	20166.....	\$5,287.50	20211.....	\$6,462.50
20122.....	\$16,450.00	20167.....	\$2,115.00	20212.....	\$2,115.00
20123.....	\$41,125.00	20168.....	\$4,112.50	20213.....	\$1,997.50
20124.....	\$23,500.00	20169.....	\$969.38	20214.....	\$12,925.00
20125.....	\$28,200.00	20170.....	\$1,175.00	20215.....	\$2,585.00
20126.....	\$28,200.00	20171.....	\$3,290.00	20216.....	\$4,259.38
20127.....	\$22,325.00	20172.....	\$3,055.00	20217.....	\$2,937.50
20128.....	\$9,987.50	20173.....	\$1,292.50	20218.....	\$881.25
20129.....	\$25,850.00	20174.....	\$998.75	20219.....	\$15,275.00
20130.....	\$9,400.00	20175.....	\$1,645.00	20220.....	\$17,625.00
20131.....	\$32,900.00	20176.....	\$499.38	20221.....	\$7,050.00
20132.....	\$2,350.00	20177.....	\$18,800.00	20222.....	\$5,875.00
20133.....	\$3,642.50	20178.....	\$19,975.00	20223.....	\$4,993.75
20134.....	\$1,762.50	20179.....	\$64,625.00	20224.....	\$5,581.25
20135.....	\$1,997.50	20180.....	\$70,500.00	20225.....	\$1,645.00
20136.....	\$1,057.50	20181.....	\$19,975.00	20226.....	\$1,057.50
20137.....	\$1,527.50	20182.....	\$8,812.50	20227.....	\$2,820.00
20138.....	\$2,350.00	20183.....	\$3,172.50	20228.....	\$38,187.50

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20229	\$17,625.00	20274	\$2,585.00	20319	\$3,290.00
20230	\$19,975.00	20275	\$2,232.50	20320	\$2,350.00
20231	\$11,162.50	20276	\$998.75	20321	\$734.38
20232	\$4,406.25	20277	\$1,175.00	20322	\$223.25
20233	\$2,232.50	20278	\$3,055.00	20323	\$188.00
20234	\$587.50	20279	\$352.50	20324	\$763.75
20235	\$1,997.50	20280	\$2,232.50	20325	\$705.00
20236	\$2,350.00	20281	\$1,527.50	20326	\$176.25
20237	\$763.75	20282	\$17,625.00	20327	\$587.50
20238	\$1,527.50	20283	\$14,100.00	20328	\$734.38
20239	\$18,800.00	20284	\$18,212.50	20329	\$381.88
20240	\$25,850.00	20285	\$2,820.00	20330	\$1,057.50
20241	\$2,820.00	20286	\$1,116.25	20331	\$940.00
20242	\$15,275.00	20287	\$763.75	20332	\$822.50
20243	\$4,112.50	20288	\$940.00	20333	\$16,450.00
20244	\$1,527.50	20289	\$2,350.00	20334	\$11,162.50
20245	\$4,112.50	20290	\$1,116.25	20335	\$1,292.50
20246	\$1,762.50	20291	\$822.50	20336	\$705.00
20247	\$1,527.50	20292	\$305.50	20337	\$2,585.00
20248	\$23,500.00	20293	\$1,057.50	20338	\$2,585.00
20249	\$9,400.00	20294	\$763.75	20339	\$1,410.00
20250	\$4,406.25	20295	\$1,645.00	20340	\$352.50
20251	\$3,172.50	20296	\$940.00	20341	\$499.38
20252	\$7,637.50	20297	\$440.63	20342	\$32,900.00
20253	\$1,997.50	20298	\$3,818.75	20343	\$14,100.00
20254	\$1,880.00	20299	\$1,762.50	20344	\$4,112.50
20255	\$646.25	20300	\$11,750.00	20345	\$3,290.00
20256	\$881.25	20301	\$6,462.50	20346	\$969.38
20257	\$8,812.50	20302	\$1,880.00	20347	\$9,987.50
20258	\$3,055.00	20303	\$1,762.50	20348	\$9,400.00
20259	\$587.50	20304	\$258.50	20349	\$7,343.75
20260	\$188.00	20305	\$9,693.75	20350	\$1,997.50
20261	\$1,292.50	20306	\$8,225.00	20351	\$940.00
20262	\$705.00	20307	\$1,880.00	20352	\$646.25
20263	\$558.13	20308	\$646.25	20353	\$10,575.00
20264	\$82.25	20309	\$940.00	20354	\$440.63
20265	\$21,150.00	20310	\$940.00	20355	\$705.00
20266	\$32,900.00	20311	\$940.00	20356	\$940.00
20267	\$7,050.00	20312	\$211.50	20357	\$1,410.00
20268	\$4,523.75	20313	\$188.00	20358	\$763.75
20269	\$30,550.00	20314	\$411.25	20359	\$4,406.25
20270	\$23,500.00	20315	\$646.25	20360	\$3,818.75
20271	\$2,585.00	20316	\$940.00	20361	\$440.63
20272	\$2,350.00	20317	\$381.88	20362	\$1,292.50
20273	\$3,290.00	20318	\$940.00	20363	\$1,410.00

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Lot No.	Price	Lot No.	Price	Lot No.	Price
20364.....	\$440.63	20397.....	\$558.13	20430.....	\$1,891.75
20365.....	\$10,868.75	20398.....	\$381.88	20431.....	\$1,880.00
20366.....	\$5,875.00	20399.....	\$352.50	20432.....	\$587.50
20367.....	\$969.38	20400.....	\$587.50	20433.....	\$1,057.50
20368.....	\$587.50	20401.....	\$282.00	20434.....	\$411.25
20369.....	\$822.50	20402.....	\$164.50	20435.....	\$223.25
20370.....	\$3,525.00	20403.....	\$22,325.00	20436.....	\$282.00
20371.....	\$1,410.00	20404.....	\$6,345.00	20437.....	\$235.00
20372.....	\$2,232.50	20405.....	\$3,290.00	20438.....	\$2,937.50
20373.....	\$164.50	20406.....	\$2,820.00	20439.....	\$2,820.00
20374.....	\$305,500.00	20407.....	\$1,938.75	20440.....	\$2,350.00
20375.....	\$105,750.00	20408.....	\$440.63	20441.....	\$1,645.00
20376.....	\$76,375.00	20409.....	\$2,467.50	20442.....	\$1,057.50
20377.....	\$440.63	20410.....	\$211.50	20443.....	\$1,997.50
20378.....	\$317.25	20411.....	\$223.25	20444.....	\$1,645.00
20379.....	\$440.63	20412.....	\$152.75	20445.....	\$528.75
20380.....	\$1,116.25	20413.....	\$2,820.00	20446.....	\$558.13
20381.....	\$705.00	20414.....	\$3,290.00	20447.....	\$381.88
20382.....	\$734.38	20415.....	\$1,586.25	20448.....	\$399.50
20383.....	\$352.50	20416.....	\$1,175.00	20449.....	\$381.88
20384.....	\$381.88	20417.....	\$705.00	20450.....	\$352.50
20385.....	\$411.25	20418.....	\$1,997.50	20451.....	\$646.25
20386.....	\$411.25	20419.....	\$499.38	20452.....	\$381.88
20387.....	\$5,581.25	20420.....	\$364.25	20453.....	\$822.50
20388.....	\$158.63	20421.....	\$705.00	20454.....	\$1,880.00
20389.....	\$646.25	20422.....	\$440.63	20455.....	\$1,880.00
20390.....	\$440.63	20423.....	\$258.50	20456.....	\$3,055.00
20391.....	\$3,642.50	20424.....	\$1,351.25	20457.....	\$2,937.50
20392.....	\$2,232.50	20425.....	\$211.50	20458.....	\$2,585.00
20393.....	\$1,410.00	20426.....	\$223.25	20459.....	\$2,467.50
20394.....	\$329.00	20427.....	\$164.50	Total Prices	
20395.....	\$329.00	20428.....	\$4,817.50	Realized.....	
20396.....	\$329.00	20429.....	\$3,290.00	\$5,016,556.75	

This list reflects the final sales price, with the 17.5% buyer's fee added in.

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